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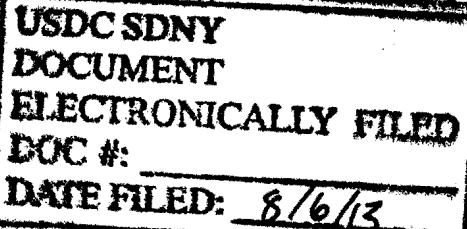
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The Honorable Henry B. Pitman
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: Sea Trade Maritime Corp., *et al.*, v. Stelios Coutsodontis, *et al.*
Case No.: 09 Civ. 488 (LGS) (HBP)
Our File No.: 1591.0001

Dear Judge Pitman:

We represent defendant General Maritime Enterprises Corp. ("General Maritime") in this action. We write regarding the upcoming September 12, 2013 settlement conference.

General Maritime is a foreign corporation with offices located in Greece, where all persons with decision-making authority reside. Furthermore, plaintiffs' claim against General Maritime is based on alter ego-type allegations. Accordingly, it will be prohibitively costly for a representative of General Maritime to attend the conference and it is unlikely that a General Maritime representative's presence will substantially advance prospects for settlement.

Based upon the foregoing, General Maritime respectfully requests that it be excused from attendance at the settlement conference.

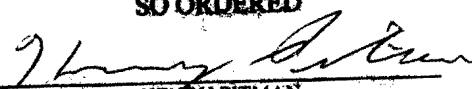
We thank the Court in advance for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED


HENRY B. PITMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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